

To: Chairperson and Authority Members **Date:** July 16, 2003
From: Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director
Subject: **Agenda Item 6 — Review and Approval of Implementation Plan Request for Proposal**

Discussion

Existing law creates the High-Speed Rail Authority with the responsibility of directing the development and implementation of intercity high-speed rail service. At the conclusion of the program EIR/EIS phase, the Authority has the option to entertain proposals from the private sector to enter into an Implementation Plan Contract. Staff will present the Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Implementation Plan contract for Authority review and approval.

The RFP would be released on August 1, 2003, subject to Authority approval. The proposals would be due September 5, 2003. After reviewing and evaluating the written proposals and conducting oral interviews the staff would recommend one for Authority's approval at the September 23, 2003 Authority meeting.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Authority approve the release of the request for proposal for the Implementation Plan.